

REMARKS

The present application has been carefully studied in view of the outstanding Office Actions dated April 10, 2006 September 18, 2006, and action on the merits is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

With respect to the requirement for an election of species and specifically species A concerning the variation of the conveying rate, applicants elect the combination where the conveying rate of the conveying device continuously rises and falls and wherein the conveying rate of the other conveying devices is periodic. Claims 2-5 and 21 are readable thereon.

With respect to species B, applicants elect the periods or step intervals expressed in claims 6 and 22, and finds claims 6 and 22 readable thereon.

These elections are made with transverse because the overall subject matter is closely related involving similar issues which should be resolved in a single application. For these reasons, it is respectfully requested that the requirement for an election of species be withdrawn.

Action on the merits is now believed to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

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